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STATEMENT OF THE LEFT UNITY

Behind the smoke-screen created by the resignations in the political parties of the fascist regime, by the mess of the provincial congresses of the government party ANAP (Motherland Party), new steps are taken towards consolidation of the US domination over our country. They carry on bargains for two enslavement agreements that are closely related to the bread, the life, the future of our people.

Chief of the General Staff, Necdet Üruğ went to the USA for bargains on the Defense and Economic Cooperation Agreement whose validity expires by the end of March 1985 and also on a new Memorandum of Understanding. In return of continuation of the US-NATO support given to the anti-popular, anti-peace regime, pro-American generals offer to the USA new bases, chemical, nuclear arsenals. They, as being the US gendarmerie propose to undertake new responsibilities. It seems like the Chief of the General Staff has reached to an agreement in this inauspicious bargain, because he returned from the Pentagon with a "Legion of Merit". There are news both, in the home papers and also in the foreign press about transfer of the US military bases from Greece to Turkey and to Kurdistan of Turkey and note that the importance of Turkey from the point of the USA now multiplied.

In these days a top level IMF delegation prepares a new agreement to be imposed onto the people for further "tightening of belts". First, Prime Minister Özal had said: "we will tighten the belts, but after 5 years it is over". Five years passed. Only a few months ago, he said: "we are alright, there is no need to renew the IMF agreement". But today the same Özal says: "the agreement with the IMF should be extended for another year". That is not only the most impudent example of deceiving and distracting the attentions of the people, but a confession. That is the proof of the economic measures which made the people suffer are nothing else but in order to pay the continuously increasing external debts, to distraint upon the bread of our people. As long as Evren-Özal gang remains in power, our people will tighten their belts for many years. And every new day will be worse than the past. Such that the IMF delegation in Ankara has already imposed cut of the budget support to the state-owned-economic enterprises, decrease of investments and wages, step up of currency regulations. Our people is very well aware that all these demands mean continuous price increases, further spread of unemployment, lowering of the wages to such extent that reaches to the limit of starvation and further oppression under the continuous loss of the value of our money and extraordinarily increase of external debts.

We who united our forces in the LEFT UNITY warn our peoples, all those who defend democracy and peace. We call them to be on duty. It is necessary to break up two slavery chains of imperialism, one depriving people of their bread and jobs, and the other of both, their lives and bread. They should be broken because those chains which hold the people and enslave the country, only serve the fascist regime to provide itself the support of the USA, IMF and NATO. On the day when the junta took power, it declared its fidelity to the IMF, immediately approved the Defense and Economic Cooperation Agreement with the USA. All these are not accidental. Everyone who opposes this regime and those who want democracy must stand against the renewal of these two agreements.

Everyone who says "no" to the question of "is my position better than that of five years ago?", should say "no" to the new agreements with the IMF.

Those who say "no" to the question of "is the danger of war hanging over our country is less today?" should say "no" to the renewal of the US Defense and Economic Cooperation Agreement.

We, who joined our forces in the LEFT UNITY call upon everyone who wants peace and democracy to fight together. We appeal them to oppose and resist against the new IMF agreement which to be imposed on our people and against renewal of the Defense and Economic Cooperation Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding. The LEFT UNITY supports and will support every protest of our people and of anti-dictatorship forces against rise of prices, unemployment, "tightening belts", purchase of arms to carry on the role of US gendarmerie, incitement of war and against launching pads for nuclear weapons.

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1630 YEARS OF IMPRISONMENTS ... WHAT IS THE REASON?...

One of the trials against the CPT which continued for three years in Martial Law Courts of Ankara has ended. 228 patriots out of 288 were sentenced up to 17 years of imprisonments, total of 1630 years. That was not an unexpected outcome.

The present regime, with its torturers, intelligent services, with its military prosecutors and reactionary press conducted a dirty campaign against our party. First, they tried to disseminate the fallacy about the CPT members being terrorists. They could not succeed to prove it. Then they said: "They serve for other countries". Again they could not prove it and they can not.

Now, what else left for them to accuse the patriots? What is the "crime" of those who are on the CPT trial? What is the basis of the

accusations that they were sentenced to years of imprisonments? There is only one pretext that they can hold. Being members of the CPT, being members of a political party, their belief in correctness of the policy of the CPT and advocacy of its policy.

That fact exhibits the lies of the regime about "there is no political prisoners in Turkey", "there exists a democratic regime in the country".

The Communist Party of Turkey has been forced to carry out its activity in underground for years. It has been the target of continuous attacks, repression and arrests. And today under the conditions of a dictatorship, inspite of all its efforts, they could not succeed to prevent the influence of the CPT in the political life.

ON THE EVE OF THE WASHINGTON TRIP OF THE PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister Özal is on the way to Washington in the end of March. The agenda of this visit includes a talk with President Reagan and with other chiefs of the Pentagon, mainly on the subjects of renewal of the "Defense and Cooperation Treaty" with the USA and perhaps

new bargainings, in return of new military bases, supply facilities for the 6th Fleet, deployment of nuclear arms etc, continuation of the US support to the dictatorship. And there were some dangerous signals along this way on the eve of Özal's trip.

The General Staff of the Army is in the service of the USA

The Chief of the General Staff, Necdet Ürug went to the USA with the invitation of the US General Staff. But before his trip to Washington, he presented a report of the Turkish General Staff to the government. The report is the open confession of the fact that parts of lands of Turkey were rented to the USA as military bases. (*Milliyet, February 28, 1985*) Another statement of the General Staff's report is that among the NATO member countries Turkey is the country who made the most increase in military expenditures in the frame of its own national reserves and that hinders the development of Turkey.

In addition, the report of the General Staff says, in the case of dismantle of the US military bases in Greece, Turkey is prepared to accept their transference to Turkey and adds that "every service has its price". In connection with the report of the General Staff presented to the government, the organ of the CPT CC, *Atılım* dated March 15, 1985 wrote: "Now, existence of 60 US and NATO bases on our soil is not enough. Those surveillance installations and armament which were dismantled from the military bases in Iran and transferred

into our country are not enough. They make bargaining on the US military bases in Greece, on their transference to Turkey. They become a tool for the pressure of the USA on Greece and by saying that every service has its price, they openly declare that these bases are not in the service of Turkey but serve for the interests of the US imperialism, they confess the fact that they have rented the soil of Turkey to the USA in return of dollars, say that "As long as you give dollars, we will remain in your service".

In his visit to Washington, the Chief of the General Staff stated their willingness for increase of cooperation with the USA and the need of the US military aid in order to fulfil perfectly the commitments of Turkey in NATO and in the region. While Necdet Ürug returned from Washington with the "order of merit", the US Assistant Secretary of Defense R. Perle made a statement in the journal "Jane's Defense Weekly" saying that Turkey was a country in the Southern wing of NATO, whom was asked the most sacrifice and underlining the necessity of arming Turkey.

An Onslaught against Turkish workers in the "Incirlik" military base

On March 15, 1985, the US soldiers in the Incirlik-Adana military base attacked onto the Turkish workers who did not allow them to make a search of their wearings. 9 workers and among them Adana-branch chairman of Türk Harp-İş (Trade union of the workers working in the US bases) were wounded. Martial Law Command of Adana prohibited publication of

any information about the event. Therefore the public was prevented to be informed about this onslaught against the Turkish workers in this US military base.

Incirlik-Adana base was used several times for the aggressive purposes of the USA (*See Information Bulletin, January-February 1985*) And recently in 1983, a treaty was signed with the

USA for use of the Incirlik base for supply of the US fighters during their attack over Lebanon.

They have been propagating that these were "joint defense installations" and to prove it, they put a Turkish flag side by side with a US flag on these bases ten years ago and they also keep a division of Turkish army in the base. The real control however is in the hand of the USA. Moreover, there is no customs control neither in Incirlik nor in any other US military bases in Turkey. Valuable antiquities are smuggled through these bases. Heroin smuggling is also carried out in these bases. And as it was before September 12 1980, they provide

arms to the Nationalist Action Party terrorists in these bases. In 1979, Chief of Police in Adana, Cevat Yurdakul had investigated heroin smuggling in Incirlik (*Cumhuriyet*, April 9, 1979) but later this patriot was killed by the terrorists of NAP who were supported financially by Marshall Berg, a person who was working in the US embassy.

We must say few words about the situation of the Turkish workers in these bases. In 1979, daily cost of one Turkish worker to the US Armed Forces was one dolar 90 cents and today this is only 78 cents. Among the workers who work in the US military bases in NATO countries, Turkish workers get the lowest wages.

What is the place of Turkey in the US plans on militarization of the space?

There was a piece of information based on US resources in the press about stationing of new missiles on the Dardanelles and the Bosphorous (*Hürriyet*, March 23, 1985). In connection with this, it gives the statements of the US authorities about "patriot" missile systems and writes that 5 army officers of the air forces have completed their training in the military base in Texas. On the other hand, there was also information about a permission to be given to the USA to establish new radar posts along the Dardanelles.

Here we should remind that in August 1984, NATO Commander-in-Chief B. Rogers made an unexpected visit to Turkey and had talks with Evren and the Chief of the General Staff, N. Ürüg. In relation with this visit Diplomatic Pulse wrote in August that Rogers demanded close of the Straits for the Soviet ships.

Now when the plans on "star wars" come onto the agenda of the NATO Nuclear Planning Group, informations about stationing of Patriot missile systems on the Bosphorous is

not accidental. As known, deployment of Patriot missile systems are the components of the "star wars" scheme of the USA. According to the plans. West Europe is to take part in setting up a ground-based anti-missile belt to be deployed on its territory and the belt is to include about a thousand US-made Patriot missiles as its basic components.

Shortly, the Reagan Administration wants to station Patriot missile systems onto our soil with the allegation of "in defence of the Straits" and by making use of other electronical installations to drive Turkey into its "star wars" scheme.

That must be the reason of Shultz when he stated that "security interests shared by the USA and Turkey are of a vital importance today" and the US Senate member Byrd saying "the USA can not be without Turkey". (*Günaydın*, February 12, 1985) And what is the response of the President Evren to the demands of the Reagan Administration? In his message to the Association of Turkish

US Friends, he talks about harmonious cooperation between Turkey and the USA.

In the light of all these, Washington trip of Özal means that the dan-

gers get closer. There are news in the Turkish press even before the meeting of Özal with Reagan, with the headlines "From Özal to Reagan: Yes".

FAILURE OF THE IMF PRESCRIPTIONS... BUT A NEW AGREEMENT

In the first months of 1985, the government signed a new agreement with the International Monetary Fund. It was signed in a period in which the government was unable to prevent the economic crisis and just opposite symptoms and data showed itself. For more than five years the economy is under the control of the IMF and keeps remaining far behind the scheduled targets. Now it becomes crystal clear for everybody that declared economic targets are false, aiming to make the broad masses to submit the economic policy.

In spite of their announcement about the inflation rate being the chief enemy, the economic policy conducted under the directives of the IMF was not able to stop rising inflation rate (according to the official data, rate of inflation is 57%). Now again in the new agreement with the IMF, they repeat the same story, to stop the raising inflation. In spite of the very fact of inability in preventing the growth of inflation rate in five years, the IMF continues to propose same old policies. The main lines of these policies are further lowering of the incomes of the working people by series of price increases, wiping out the purchasing power of these sections (only in last year oil price had a raise 13 times and electricity 8 times and price increases undoubtedly are reflected over other consumer goods by several times higher) transfer of the state sector enterprises to the private sector (now the task of change of the sta-

tus of the state-owned economic enterprises, opening them to the private sector is given to the US firms Lazard Brothers who was also appointed as an "advisory" firm of the Central Bank. The IMF controls the whole economy very closely. The new agreement with the IMF gives emphasis on the functioning of state-owned economic enterprises within the new regulations-meaning continuous and rather high price increases- and remaining to be loyal in payment of external debts (today in terms of the 1984's data, amount of external debts is 23.541 million dollars) The IMF however stated their doubts about this figure saying that it should be much higher. It is well known that T.Özal is very careful about payment of debts. The debts however continue to increase. For example, in 1984 in spite of payment of nearly 5.000 million dollars external debts, total debts instead of being decreased, increased further.

Last year, the state budget had a deficit of 675.000 million TL. This deficit is being covered by state bonds. Therefore, every year there is a big budget deficit and, that is transferred to the coming year's budget. Despite the monetarist policy, issue of great amounts state bonds and their use by mainly monopolies and banks, due to preference of the banks this to their own functions lead turn of the banking system into a brokers system and as it was in the past appearance of dangerous perspectives

and that also affirms the desperation of the government. In 1985 greater amounts of budget deficits is expected.

At the end of 1984, a bill was passed urgently and a new taxing system, namely Value Added Tax which had been persistently proposed by the IMF in the past, was put into operation. Through this system, they plan to increase the state incomes. But then, the working class, peasantry and other working strata will carry the burden. In our country's practice, the VAT should be characterized as "consumption" taxes as businessmen are exempted from paying VAT, and particularly the exporters make additional profit through VAT.

The new agreement with the IMF includes drop of the development rate. The planned rate of development does not reflect the reality but as it shows the approach of the IMF,

to be more correct its principled line, it is rather interesting. As a matter of fact, one of the main objectives of the IMF guided economic policy is continuous freeze of investments and to keep them at the lowest levels.

Today, all sober minded people and above all, progressive forces are opposing the new IMF agreement and the unlimited control of the IMF over the country's economic life. The desparacy of the IMF guided economic policy is very obvious and now even those bourgeois section who supported this IMF guided policy openly state the necessity of relieving the country from this policy and from the IMF mortgage.

Our party calls upon all anti-dictatorship forces to make every effort for reaching to an agreement on a programme of urgent economic measures in order to stop the pressing economic crisis.

